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CITY OF JOBURG'S JOBURG PROPERTY COMPANY COMPLETES REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE FACILITIES

The Joburg Property Company (JPC), an entity of the City of Joburg, has completed the refurbishment of several Public Convenience (PC) facilities across the city as part of its ongoing commitment to improving public infrastructure and enhancing service delivery.

The refurbishment programme forms part of JPC's broader efforts to create clean, safe, accessible and dignified public spaces for residents and visitors while ensuring that municipal facilities remain functional and compliant with required standards.

Quinton Moodley, Assistant Manager responsible for Public Conveniences at Joburg Property Company, said the intervention was informed by the need to move away from short-term maintenance solutions and implement sustainable upgrades.

"JPC recently embarked on a refurbishment exercise on our public convenience facilities because it became necessary to undertake holistic refurbishment rather than piecemeal repairs, which were not sustainable. Our objective was to bring these facilities in line with compliance requirements while ensuring that residents have access to good, clean, accessible and fully functional ablution facilities," said Moodley.

He said following the final inspection and handover process they are extremely encouraged by the quality of workmanship delivered.

"The upgraded facilities now provide a more user-friendly environment with improved hygiene standards and functionality," he said.

As part of the refurbishment, several ageing and non-functional infrastructure components were replaced. Given that many of these are underground facilities, ventilation systems were upgraded through the installation of new internal extractors to improve air circulation and create a cleaner environment for users.

"We have also introduced locally manufactured, non-recyclable fittings including urinals, hand basins and toilet flushing systems that carry no resale value. This approach is intended to reduce incidents of theft and vandalism, which remain one of the key operational challenges affecting public facilities," he said.

To ensure continued cleanliness and upkeep, dedicated staff members are deployed daily at each facility during operational hours from 08:00 to 16:30, seven days a week. These teams are

responsible for maintaining hygiene standards, supporting visitors and ensuring facilities remain operational and welcoming.

The same refurbishment approach has been implemented across all identified sites, with the facilities set to reopen immediately following completion and handover.

The City of Joburg, through JPC, remains committed to investing in infrastructure that improves the quality of life for residents while protecting and maintaining public assets for long-term community benefit.

The completed refurbishment projects include:

- **Gandhi Square Public Convenience**
- **Port Plein Public Convenience**
- **Stafford Public Convenience**
- **Xavier Public Convenience**
- **Museum Africa Public Convenience**

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